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Docket No. R2000-1

STATUS REPORT OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CONCERNING
REQUESTS MADE AT AUGUST 3, 2000 HEARING AND REQUEST FOR
CLARIFICATION
(August 10, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby reports on the status of its responses to various requests made by the parties and the Commission at the August 3, 2000 hearings. Responses to a number of the requests have already been filed. They are:

- Revisions to witness Patelunas's responses to MMA/USPS-ST44-4 and 5, requested by MMA. Tr. 35/16744-45 and 16749.
- Information concerning medical expenses related to changes in the life tables used requested by OCA. Tr. 35/16779.
- Information concerning the ECI assumptions used in the update requested by OCA. Tr. 35/16786-87.
- The PRC version of the FY 1999 "B" Workpapers requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16830.
- The FY 1999 City Carrier "Z" file requested by the Commission. See Tr. 35/16830.
- Information concerning Daynet cost treatment in Cost Segment 14 requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16832.
- Information concerning increases in Cost Segment 3 costs for Special Standard mail requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16833.

Responses to several additional requests are being filed today. They are:

- A list of cost avoidance models not structured to use FY 1999 data requested by the Commission and explanations concerning the changes required. Tr. 35/16793.
- An update to USPS-LR-I-335 concerning rural carrier costs calculated with annual data requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16831.

Remaining items and currently anticipated completion dates are as follows:

- Space category breakouts for USPS-LR-I-410 requested by OCA. Tr. 35/16782-83. This information should be available by early next week.
- Spreadsheets showing field reserve allocations requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16791-92. This information should be available by early next week.
- Information concerning cost differences in nonautomation presort and non-presorted mail. Tr. 35/16803-05. This information should be available by early next week.
- Information concerning changes in Emery contract costs and configuration requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16808-09. This information should be available by early next week.
- Updates to Parts IV through VIII of USPS-LR-I-106, 138 and 188 requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16830. Updates to Parts IV through VII of USPS-LR-I-106 should be available by early next week. Parts IV through VII of USPS-LR-I-138 and 188 should follow sometime the week of August 21. Updates to Part VIII of USPS-LR-I-106, 138 and 188 should be available sometime the week of August 28.

- Operating budgets for FY 1999, 2000 and 2001 (when available) requested by the Commission. Tr. 35/16813 and 16856-66. Information concerning this request should be available by early next week.

With regard to the Commission's request to update USPS-LR-I-16 and 17, the Postal Service requests clarification. Tr. 35/16830. The issue of updates to city and rural carrier "Z" files arose at the technical conference on July 26, 2000. The Postal Service has produced the city carrier "Z" file and is working on the rural carrier "Z" file, which probably will be ready around August 21. The Postal Service had understood that production of the "Z" files was all that was being requested. If an update to USPS-LR-I-16 and 17 beyond that is being requested, it will take longer due to the fact that the person able to develop these files and library references is also working on data review for the FY 2000 CRA and ICRA, as well as selecting samples for PQ 1, FY 2001. It is anticipated that a full update for USPS-LR-I-16 could be completed by about September 1, and a full update for USPS-LR-I-17 could be completed by about October 2. The Postal Service thus requests the Commission to clarify whether these full updates are required or whether production of the city and rural carrier "Z" files will suffice.

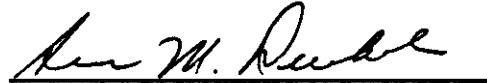
Further status reports will be forthcoming should there be delays in any of the currently anticipated completion dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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